

Substitute Bill No. 215

February Session, 2010

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AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN TUITION WAIVERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the 2010 supplement to
- 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):
- 4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
- 5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
- 6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
- 7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
- 8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
- 9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
- 10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
- 11 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
- 12 for any veteran [having served] who performed service in time of war,
- 13 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a
- 14 combat or combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25,
- 15 1983, to December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20,
- 16 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon,
- 17 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this
- 18 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
- 19 <u>training or in attendance at a military service academy</u>, who has been
- 20 accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state

at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as

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- students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):
- 63 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the 64 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a 65 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be 66 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in 67 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted 68 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the 69 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject 70 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran 71 [having served] who performed service in time of war, as defined in 72 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a combat or 73 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to 74 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to 75 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 76 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this subsection, 77 "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in training or in 78 attendance at a military service academy, who has been accepted for 79 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time 80 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any 81 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been 82 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is 83 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular 84 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number 85 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to 86 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to 87 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating 88 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police 89 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said

90 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits 91 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the 92 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified 93 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a 94 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted 95 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an 96 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any 97 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or 98 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in 99 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in 100 101 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent 102 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the 103 104 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection 105 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) 106 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving 107 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active 108 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after 109 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person 110 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this 111 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, 112 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational 113 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this 114 subsection and members of the National Guard described in 115 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as 116 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at 117 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of 118 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" 119 includes domicile for less than one year.

- Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):
- 123 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at

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124 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person 125 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing 126 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed 127 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for 128 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of 129 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said 130 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, 131 for any veteran [having served] who performed service in time of war, 132 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, [or who served in either a 133 combat or combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 134 1983, to December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 135 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984] except that for purposes of this 136 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in 137 138 training or in attendance at a military service academy, who has been 139 accepted for admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state 140 at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, 141 (3) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who 142 has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such 143 person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of 144 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a 145 sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for 146 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such 147 person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course 148 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of 149 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been 150 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee 151 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or 152 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time 153 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (5) 154 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-155 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as 156 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) 157 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, 158 killed in the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state who is the

dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with provisions of this subsection also receives reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	10a-77(d)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2010	10a-99(d)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2010	10a-105(e)

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